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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED MARCH 3, 2004

In response to the Office Action mailed on March 3, 2004 and having a shortened statutory period for response that expired on June 3, 2004, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/AVAN/000219USA for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

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